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# NORTH HAMPTON Community Newsletter

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## Friends of The Library

The Friends of the North Hampton Library meet on the third Monday of the month at 3:30pm at the Library. If Monday is a holiday, the meeting is on Tuesday of that week at the same time. We welcome new faces, ideas, suggestions, and friendships. We are a group of people of varied ages and experiences working to enhance library services as well as encourage a wider range of participation in the North Hampton Public Library. Why not plan to join us some afternoon and share your thoughts or just come and meet us!!

In February the Friends hosted a joint meeting with the Library Trustees to discuss ideas about continued Library support by the Friends and ways that the



Lee Kierstead & Linda Hillier

Friends may best continue the enhancement of the Library. A special portion of the meeting was dedicated to refreshments and a time to honor Lee Kierstead as Treasurer and Jane Larrabee as Secretary for their many years of service to the Friends, as well as Linda Hillier for her years of service as a member of the Board of Library Trustees. The Coyne family was also thanked for its gift of membership passes to Strawberry Banke. On behalf of

the Friends, we extend our sincere gratitude to each of them for volunteering to help the Town of North Hampton provide a Library of benefit to one and all.

The Friends are continuing to plan for upcoming events. A decision was made that the proposed wine tasting fundraiser will not be scheduled until March of next year. Please watch for continued information about the hay ride being planned by the Friends. Our goal is to hold this event in the spring.

At our upcoming meetings in March and April, we will be discussing plans for our annual fundraiser, the George Miller Memorial Clambake. This event has been the Library's largest fundraiser so we are looking for ways to increase ticket sales. The Friends welcome ideas and feedback, as well as community involvement; just leave a note at the Library front desk or on our Library website: attention Suzette Miller-clambake.

This spring the Board of Library Trustees, in coordination with Library Director Pam Schwotzer and the staff of the Library, will use the information gathered from the Library Long-Range Planning Committee to develop specific goals for the upcoming year and for the future. The Friends look forward to having Pam share these goals with us in the spring so that we may utilize this information to direct and focus our efforts. We look forward to working with our Librarian and Trustees, as well as with our community. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

~Judy Day, Hope Miller, Suzette Miller



Betty Coyne

## Library Long-Range Planning

Fifteen of North Hampton residents generously gave up two Saturday mornings this winter to work with the Trustees and Library Director on a long-range planning process for the North Hampton Public Library.

With the guidance of professional facilitators Susan Babb and Katie McDonough, the committee first went through a SWOT exercise (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats), and then worked on community vision statements to identify key community issues, followed by broad library goals to meet those community needs. The Library staff, Director, and Trustees will now work to shape those goals into a 3-5 year long-range plan of actual programs and services for the community. Look for its grand unveiling in the near future!

We wish to thank all the members of the committee for their time and valuable insights, including: **John Dover, Wayne Elliot, Don Gould, Lee Kierstead, Shep Kroner, Priscilla Leavitt, Tom McManus, Jane Mackin, Henry Marsh, Rob O'Kane, Kim Rochford, Tamara Saal, Sue Spencer, Cynthia Swank, and Susan Tidd.** Without your help this process could not have taken place, and we sincerely appreciate your willingness to serve on this committee.

*-Emily Creighton, Steve Miller, Trustees, Linda Hillier, Trustee (retired), Pam Schwotzer, Director*

## North Hampton Historical Society

The North Hampton Historical Society welcomes new members, so do come and look us over. We have six public programs each season. Our April 17 program will be held in the United Church of Christ, Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton, at 7:30pm. The speaker will be **Harold Fernald**, presenting "**General Moulton of Hampton, Who Sold His Soul to the Devil.**"

On May 15, at 7:30pm, **Valery Cunningham** will present "**Black Yankees New Hampshire, 1645 to the Present.**" This program will also be held at the United Church of Christ in North Hampton. Our programs are free to all, and refreshments will be served at both meetings. Won't you please join us?

*-Janet Taylor, President*

## Mystery Photo Answer:

It's July 5, 1776, and these people are gathered outside the Town Hall waiting for their chicken dinner to be served. This was part of North Hampton's celebration of our country's Bicentennial. In case you wondered, the chicken was from the Golden Chicken in Hampton, a new (but no longer existing) business. *Photo courtesy of North Hampton Historical Society from the Dorothy Spear collection.*

## Upcoming Library Programs



**D**id you ever want to ask questions of that man with the kite in the electrical storm? Here's your chance! **Ben Franklin**, inventor and patriot, will be at North Hampton Public Library Wednesday, **April 5, at 7pm**, for a special program for all ages, sponsored by the Mabel Healy Tillinghast Fund. Mr.

Franklin is portrayed by Gary Gregory, who, in addition to his work as a costumed tour guide in Boston, also volunteers at Minuteman National Park reenacting the battle of Lexington and Concord, produces the annual reenactment of the Boston Tea Party, and has led July 4th Town Meeting for the Old South Meeting House in Boston. This year marks Mr. Franklin's 300th birthday, so join us for the celebration, which is part of our National Library Week festivities.

Later in April you'll have the opportunity to travel with mystery writer and numerologist Dusty Bunker and her husband Reid as they describe **32 Days in a Van With My Husband**, an account of their travels in the Southwest. Reid, a retired banker and award winning professional photographer, took over 200 slides on this trip, some of which he will show to accompany Dusty's narration of the trip. They traveled about 9,000 miles, staying at campgrounds all the way, as they explored the Four Corners area of the US, where Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico come together. This program will be Wednesday, **April 19, at 7pm**, and is free and open to all. We hope you'll join us for one or both of these special evenings.

*-Pam Schwotzer, Director*



## The Zoning Board

The ZBA regularly meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Mary Herbert conference room at the Town Offices. Members are: John Anthony Simmons, Chairman; Michele Peckham, Vice Chairman; Ted Turchan; Susan Smith; Jen Lerner; Ken Worrell, alternate; John Woodworth, alternate; and, Paul Marston, alternate.

The cases receiving the most public attention over the past year have been the two applications for the location of cell tower facilities on the eastern side of Town. The Chapel Road application has been denied and, at the time of this writing, the Applicant has applied for a rehearing. The Woodland Road case has been submitted and the Board will deliberate and make a decision on that application at its regular March meeting.

For more information about our procedures and applications, or for comments or suggestions about how we may better serve you, please call Wendy Chase, Planning and Zoning Coordinator, at 964-8650.

*-John Anthony Simmons, Chairman*

## Route 1 Study

The NHDOT funded the Rockingham Planning Commission to undertake a major update to the U.S. Route 1 Feasibility Study, originally completed in 1989 by the Kimball Chase Company. The project updates the major components of the original study including land use and demographics, existing and projected traffic conditions, and recommended existing and future year conceptual designs for major intersections. In addition, an access management component, which was not included in the original study, will be included.

The update was initiated by the communities along the US 1 Corridor. The communities wish to verify and/or revise the highway facility recommendations made in the original study so that they can adequately anticipate, plan for, and prioritize highway improvements and access management facilities in the corridor. Each of the six corridor communities (including North Hampton) committed financial support to the project in the form of a local match to the NHDOT grant funds. Hearings were held in Hampton Falls and Portsmouth February 15th and 16th. The project will be completed this spring.

For additional information call Bob Landman (964-1899) or Shep Kroner (964-3036), North Hampton's Transportation Commissioners, or you can download information on the project at: <http://www.rpc-nh.org/US1study.htm>.

*-Bob Landman*

## PAL News

How do you thank the Staff of NHS? Give them a surprise luncheon with a Mardi Gras theme. **Alison Goodhue** hosted the lunch with Cajun/Creole fare to show appreciation for all of the members of the staff that make NHS an award-winning school. Thank you to all of the chefs that participated to make this popular event so successful.

Did you vote? PAL met on Friday, February 17, and discussed the warrant articles for Fiscal Year 2006-07. Specifically, **Pam Schwotzer**, NHPL Director, came to discuss and field questions on warrant article 29: Library Capital Reserve Fund. **Amy Kane** also presented a summary of all the warrant articles. A one-page summary, containing a synopsis of every warrant article, as well as a glossary of terms was mailed to all residences in North Hampton. Stay informed of the issues; you are the legislative body of our town.

PAL Sponsored in whole or part the following events in February and March: third-grade field trip; Artist-in-Residences: Ballet New England grades 1-4; Stranger Than Fiction grades 5-8; Candidates Night March 7; Internet Safety March 22@ 6:30 NHS Café.

Do you like what you see coming from PAL or do you want to change it? Maybe you can make it even better. You never know unless you try. **PAL elections are coming in April.** There are many opportunities for you to participate and to use your skills, large and small. You could take over an event or do behind-the-scenes small projects—on your schedule. Please take the time to see what you can do to make a difference in your school and in your community.

PAL meets the second Friday of each month at **10:00am** in the Technology Room at NHS. The next meeting dates are **Apr. 21, May 12, and Jun 9.**

*-Margaret Allen, Public Relations*



## Recreation Commission News

For the first time, a full-time summer rec camp will be offered. Registrations are now underway at the Rec Dept., and you may register for the popular "drop in" summer camp from April 28 - May 31. Summer rec camp will be July 3-August 11.

Programs that will be offered in the spring are Ballroom and Latin Dancing, with Louis Nagle of Portsmouth Ballroom Dance Studio. Join this fun class to learn the tango or salsa. Dodge ball is back! Women's softball will be offered on Friday nights at Dearborn Park. Come and play in a non-competitive and fun atmosphere.

The Annual Egg Scramble has been scheduled for Saturday, April 16, at the Hampton Airfield. Preschool - third-grade kids will scramble for toy- and candy-filled eggs at 1:00pm. Various prizes will be awarded to those who find the "golden eggs." A flashlight seek-and-find will take place for kids in Grades 4-8 at 6:00pm, so bring your flashlight to find the hidden goodies and "golden eggs." A special guest appearance from Bernie the Bunny will be an added bonus for those timeless pictures.

Other programs and trips this spring and summer include a trip to Foxwoods, a Boston Red Sox summer-night game, Children's Mayhem Theatre, Improv, Little Nippers Soccer, Creative Dance, Chess Club, Weird Science, Piano Lessons, Red Cross Babysitter's Course, Scuba Diving, First Tee, Smart tennis, and much more.

Successful programs this past winter included the Bradford Ski Club; Archery, Wrestling, the new boys' high school Rec Hoop team; Mystery Theatre with a bonus dinner-theatre, featuring our own North Hampton stars, called "Murder at the Manor," and which the Old Salt Restaurant so graciously hosted for us. During February vacation, Chris Coates ran a 3-day hoop clinic and a trip to Holodek.

For more information go to our website at [www.northhampton-nh.gov](http://www.northhampton-nh.gov), scroll down to Quick Find and click on Recreation, or call 964-3170, or you may drop in at the Town Offices and say hello.

*-Diane Wheeler, Recreation Director*



Kneeling (L-R): Brian Hearn & Kostas Birmbas. Front Row (L-R): Stephen Brown, Mark LaBua, Jared LeClaire, Steven Tyler, Coach Chris Johnson. Back Row (L-R): Chris Ninow, Zac Kurland, Anthony Facella, Jack Danahy, Samire Choudhry, Jamil Choudhry. Missing: Russell Hilliard, Chris Birmbas and Coach Jim Wheeler

## Devoted School Board Member: Kim Kisner



*Kim Kisner receiving a heartfelt thank you from staff and community members at the February school board meeting.*

After eight years of dedicated service to the students, faculty, and community members of North Hampton School, Kim Kisner is leaving her position as a member of the North Hampton School Board. Kim has been a critical factor in improving the education

at NHS. She served on a steering committee to establish curriculum initiatives, participated in the process of creating the North Hampton School vision and guiding beliefs, was integral in supporting the initiative of the school data report, and was the creator of PAL: People Active in Learning. Of her numerous accomplishments, Kim claims that the one of which she was most proud was the building project addition, which provided extra space to meet the educational needs of our students.

Kim is the first recipient of a new North Hampton School annual award that recognizes a community member who has exhibited notable service to the School in some way. The award reads, "With our sincere appreciation for your dedication, service, generosity of time, and effort and in recognition of your outstanding accomplishments on behalf of the North Hampton students, citizens, and educators." We were fortunate to have Kim as a champion for the North Hampton School. She has touched the lives of countless students and educators and has made a positive impact on all. We thank you, Kim, for all that you have accomplished, and you will be missed!

*-Tara K. Rossi, Assistant Principal, NHS*

## News from the Children's Room at the Library

April is Poetry Month and we will celebrate **Young People's Poetry Week** with Poetry night on April 10. In May, the Story Time children will get our kids' garden going by planting flowers and perhaps some pumpkins. Plans are underway for a fun summer reading program for kids of all ages, including one just right for students in grades 6 and up.

The following programs for children are offered at the Library:

**Story Time:** Story Time features stories, crafts, songs, and fun for ages 2-5. Story Time meets Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. Registration is required for Story Time, but you may join the group at any time by calling the Library at 964-6326. The spring session of Story Time begins Tuesday, April 4th and ends Wednesday, May 24th.

**Book Bunch (After-School Story Hour)**-an after-school Story Hour for children ages 4 and older, featuring stories, snacks, and activities. You can register for one or all of the Book Bunch sessions. The April Book Bunch will be a puppet workshop with Martha Dana (see below for details), and our May date is Thursday, May 18th, 3:45-4:30pm.

**Bookworms and Scene Stealers**-Book discussion groups for children ages 7 and up. Bookworms features shorter books, and Scene Stealers features longer books. Join us for snacks, discussion, games, good books, and fun! Our last meeting for this year will be Tuesday, April 18th, 3:45 - 4:30.

**Puppet Making Workshop with Martha Dana:** Make a puppet this spring vacation with Martha Dana on Thursday, April 27 at 2:00. For ages 5 and up. The workshop is limited to 15 and registration is required. Call the Library at 964-6326 to sign up today.

### Young People's Poetry Week! Poetry Night at the Library!

*Pickle Poems, Porcupine Poems, Poems about monsters, and poems about mice. Come share your favorite with us, That would be very nice!* Young People's Poetry Night at the Library is Monday, April 10th, at 7:00pm.

Save these upcoming events:

**Summer Reading**-Treasure Reading at your Library begins Thursday, June 22nd. **Puppet show with Martha Dana.** Monday, June 26th, 6:30 - 7:30pm.

Also NEW this Summer: **Toddler Time** lap-sit story time for birth - age two.

For more information about youth programs at the Library, please contact: Lorreen M. Keating, Youth Services Librarian, 964-6326, or email: [youthlib@nhplib.org](mailto:youthlib@nhplib.org) See you soon at the library!

*-Lorreen Keating, Youth Services Librarian*

## Artists at the Library

You don't have to travel far to visit an art gallery just check out our changing art display each month in the Roberta Craig meeting room of the North Hampton Library. In April we will have the work of Eric Ebbeson on display, and for May it will be the work of Dick Doyle. Both of these artists are affiliated with the Seacoast Artist Association. Do stop in and enjoy the art show each month.

*-Pam Schwotzer, Director*



*"Tuesday Story Time kids enjoy Pizza at the Library"*

## The Historic Town House

On April 11, 1843, North Hampton citizens voted to build a town house, the cost not to exceed \$700. The location they chose for this new town house is on the south side of the old Atlantic Avenue section, east of Lafayette Road (see 1857 Town Map by Chace). John Leavitt was the contractor. Some of the historic timbers are 272 and 245 years old, originally having come from the 1734 and the 1761 Meeting Houses at North Hill.

In 1844, the 30 foot by 40 foot Town House was built; it was \_ the size of the current main function room. The 1815 Paul Revere Bell, once ringing in the Second Meeting House, was installed in the new Town House.

On March 12, 1844, the citizens stood in front of the building and accepted this Greek Revival style Town House, and the Town selectmen moved into their new office. The major function of the

Town House was to discuss, debate, and vote on Town affairs. Many hot debates have been held here since 1844, and the walls still ring with the voices of history. In 1845, public lectures were held here.

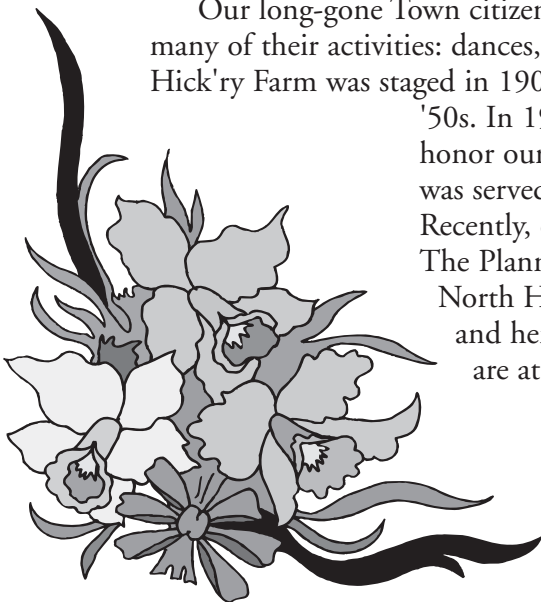
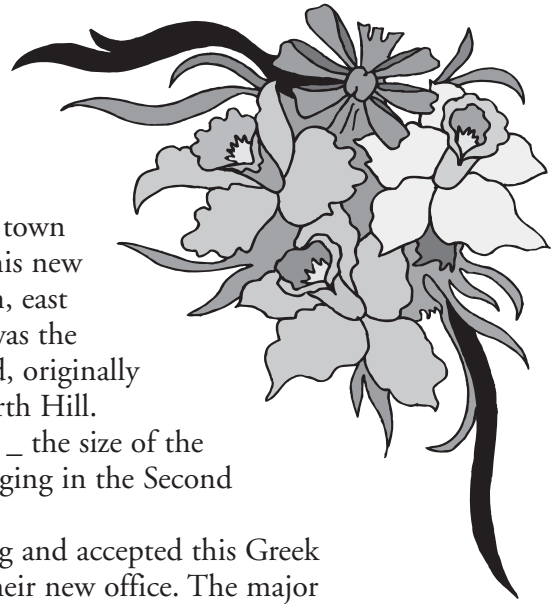
The Eastern Railroad came through in 1840, resulting in much activity around the tracks. In 1860, the Tariton & Drew Blacksmith Shop was built east of the tracks, and in 1864, the S.A. Dow & Son Grocery Store was built very near the tracks. Exports from local farms increased because of the new access to transportation to Boston. The John F. French Milk Co. shipped more than 1,000 cans of milk daily to Boston.

The Town voted to move the Town House closer to the railroad March 10, 1885. One-half an acre, more or less, was purchased from John Leavitt for \$800, the deed recorded July 9 1885. Later that year, the Town House was moved to its present location by oxen. The 1815 Paul Revere Bell was moved with it and remains there today. In 1892, history was made again when the first library in Town was placed in the southwest corner room of the building.

Several additions have been made to the Town Hall: in 1886, the Town added fifteen feet to the length of the building; c.1917 it added an eleven-foot addition for the stage; c.1920 Joseph O. Hobbs gave the clock; and in 1957 an addition was made for the kitchen.

Our long-gone Town citizens used this historic building throughout its many years for many of their activities: dances, card parties, graduations in 1902 and 1903. The play Hick'ry Farm was staged in 1904. Basketball games were played there in the 1940s and '50s. In 1976, a bronze plaque was placed over the front door to honor our country's Bicentennial celebration, and a chicken supper was served in the Town Hall to celebrate the Bicentennial as well. Recently, our Old Home Day breakfasts have been served there. The Planning Board's 2005 survey data indicate that the citizens of North Hampton want to preserve the rural New England character and heritage. Our historic 1844 Town House and Paul Revere bell are at the heart of that heritage.

*-Priscilla Leavitt, Town Citizen*





## Cub Scouts-Troop 162

**"Scouts in the Future"** was the theme of this year's Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet celebration, when the Scouts and their families got together to celebrate another great year of scouting. As always, the community gave its support by donating food items, money, gift certificates, and beautiful flowers to make our traditional spaghetti dinner a success. The boys were in charge of the desserts, with a decorating competition in the categories of scout theme, future theme, most colorful, and patriotic. The desserts were spectacular and delicious. The winners were awarded hand-painted yo-yos by our entertainer, the Yo-Yo Man. Everyone was entertained by the most amazing tricks we have ever seen.

We welcomed some new scouts this year. They are our Tigers, **Andrew Coutu, Liam McDonald, Mathew Havey, Brandon Wilbur, Trey Fuller, and Nathan Richard**. In addition, we have a wonderful new Leader in **Lori Wilbur**. Our Wolves are fierce and strong with **Eric Roch, Zachary Parrot, Justin Ambrose, Kyle Mahoney, Darius Marchand, Ben Thayer, RJ Lee, and Tony Rocco**. Bears roar right behind with **Thomas Vincent, Joseph Walsh, Nick McDonald, and Alex Cheever**. The big and bold are our Webelos **Anthony Booth, Jacob Penney, Chandler Hutchins, Kevin Peck, and Tyler Ambrose**. These fine young boys are the future of scouting. May their journey lead them to Eagle!

Our scouts began our year by cleaning up North Hampton Beach. What a good team effort and what a lot of garbage. **Jean Vincent** leads the brigade each year. Our thanks to her for organizing our boys for this great community project.

The Cub Scouts were up to their ears in popcorn selling. Thank you all for buying and supporting our sale, for this is our only fundraiser. It allows the boys to earn money for camp, prizes, and Pack events.

Our outings included Corn Mazes, Wolf Hollow, a movie, pizza and sleepover at No. Hampton School, a sleepover at the Museum of Science in Boston, and, coming up this month, the Pinewood Derby Race. We are also going to play some hoops with the Harlem Globetrotters at the Verizon Center at the end of March. We are really looking forward to our night in June when we get to sleep out on the field at the Fishercat Stadium, where we will first watch a game and then see a movie and camp out.

I would like to thank the School Board for giving us the approval for the School sleepover, Mr. Gregg for all his help with the movie equipment, and the Custodial Staff, who worked so well with us. Most of all, I thank our leaders, who put so much time into scouting. There is no better reward than to see the smile and look of amazement when a child gets to experience an activity that he would never have if it were not for scouting.

*-Laurie Booth, Cubmaster Pack 162*

## North Hampton Girl Scouts

No wind, rain, sleet, snow, or sunny 50° weather will stop a Girl Scout from selling cookies. We had a terrific cookie sale, thanks to all of our fine North Hampton neighbors. If you missed out on ordering your stash of Thin Mints and Samoas, or think you are going to run short, you are in luck. Cookie Booths will be set up in front of Hollywood Video and/or Shaw's during the last weekend in March and the first weekend in April—while supplies last. Be on the lookout!

Part of the continuing "Thanking Our Community Helpers" tour stopped at the Fire Department February 21st. Nell Ann Hiatt and Patti LaRoche co-lead Brownie Troop #2195. The troop met the firefighters and thanked them for their service to our community. The girls then were given the "VIP" tour of the Fire Department and the trucks.

The Annual Father/Daughter dance was held this past February 4th, ringing in an early Valentine's Day to more than 150 dads and daughters from our Town. Special thanks to Caroline Merrill, who coordinated the event for the third year. Heather Maher gathered in all of the volunteers to make the night go off without a hitch, and Jean Rocco made the NHS Café look lovely. Thank you to all who pitched in before, during, and after the event. You made it a wonderful evening and the largest turnout ever.

*-Margaret Allen, PublicRelation*



## Book Discussion Group Meetings

Each second Thursday of the month we host a book discussion group at the Public Library at 2pm. For April we will be reading *Monkeewrench*, a thriller by P.J. Tracy. Our May book is *The Tender Bar*, a fatherless boy's memoir of finding male role models among the regulars at his uncle's bar on Long Island. Everyone is welcome to attend, and copies of the book may be picked up at the Library's main desk. Join us, the coffeepot's always on, the discussion is friendly, and you'll discover some new good books.

~Pam Schwotzer, Director

## Library Trustee Says Thank You

For the past six years, I have had the privilege of serving on the North Hampton Public Library Board of Trustees. I had always loved our Library, but, like most patrons, I had no idea how much went on behind the scenes to ensure its smooth operation. As a Trustee, I have seen first-hand how the skills, hard work, and dedication of Director Pam Schwotzer and the rest of the staff serve our community. Now, each time I walk into the Library, I am acutely aware of the difficult decisions and accommodations that have to be made because of space limitations. Still, what I see and feel is a welcoming place and a staff ready to serve all of us. Thank you.

~Linda Hillier

## Next Stop River City!

The North Hampton School Spring Musical cast and crew invite you to join them as they perform the Music Theatre International Broadway Junior version of Meredith Wilson's American musical classic, **"The Music Man", at 7:00pm on April 7th and 8th** at the Winnacunnet High School Auditorium.

The play follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill and his visit to River City, Iowa, in July 1912, where he meets and falls in love with the willful librarian and piano teacher Marian Paroo. With his fast-talking style, "Professor" Hill convinces the town to adopt his revolutionary music program, "the think system," or face the moral decline of the youngsters of River City. Chaos ensues as Hill's credentials are questioned and he is forced to prove himself to the citizens of River City.

The cast includes: **eighth-grade students:** BJ Garry, Alex Burke, Josh Demeule, Adam Knight, Danielle Gabree, TJ Conklin, Lindsey Shepard, Josh Genewicz, Meghan Durant, Morgan Smith, Michelle Maher, Holly McCay, Brett Ruggles, Alex Peckham, AJ Hawkins, Molly Gaffey, Kelly Shea, David Ferber, Carolyn Hooper, Nikki Kisner, Meredith Sopher, Kelly Carr, Jazmine Krause, Sammi Lemelin, and Jami Penney; **seventh-grade students:** Charlene Benson, Willy Bassett, Konnar Johnson, Laura Kane, Kristen Bougie, Dan Kilgore, Dylan Palmer, Jon Collyer, Kevin Ennis, Gretchen Gabrielson, Mariah Smith, Nicole Brien, Molly Megna, Ivory Burnham, Mikayla Varnum, Shannon Ridge, and Caroline Renker; **sixth-grade chorus members:** Kearney Dewing, Casey Dupuis, Maddy Gaffey, Emma Hayden, Ashley Milliken, Allie Scheu, Lauren Worrell, and Hannah Macquarrie.



NHS students rehearsing for "The Music Man".

This all-star NHS cast has been rehearsing its songs, lines, and dances since the beginning of February, and we can tell that this is going to be one of our best shows ever! **DON'T MISS IT: FRIDAY, APRIL 7th and SATURDAY, APRIL 8th, 7pm** at WHS. Tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, contact the Director, Marsha Zavez or visit [nhsartsonstage.com](http://nhsartsonstage.com).

~Marsha Zavez





## Tax Exemptions and Credits

The Town contracts its assessing services with Municipal Resources Inc. The primary members of the staff working in North Hampton are Joseph W. Lessard Jr., Scott Marsh, Joey Smith, and Mary Beth Walker. We ask that if any of these appraisers go to your property, that you support our efforts to keep assessments equitable and correct by answering their questions and allowing them to measure and inspect your structures.

The following is a list of the types of tax exemptions and credits currently available. Applications along with documentation requirements are available at the Town Offices. Any new applications must be received prior to April 15, 2006 to be effective for the 2006 tax year.

AMOUNT	REQUIRED AGE	INCOME LIMITATION	ASSET LIMITATION
\$120,000	65 to 74	Not in excess of:	Not in excess of \$175,000
\$160,000	75 to 79	\$40,000 if single	excluding the value of residence
\$200,000	80 and up	\$55,000 if married	and up to 2 acres of land

## CREDITS

### ***BLIND EXEMPTION OFF ASSESSED VALUATION: \$25,000***

Every inhabitant owning residential real estate, and who is legally blind, as determined by the Rehabilitation Division of the Education Department.

### ***VETERANS - STANDARD TAX CREDIT: \$500***

Any resident who served in the armed forces in any of the qualifying wars or armed conflicts, as listed in RSA 72:28, and was honorably discharged; or the spouse/surviving spouse of such resident

### ***SURVIVING SPOUSE: \$2,000***

The surviving unmarried spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces, as listed in RSA:72:28

### ***SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY TAX CREDIT: \$2,000***

Any person who has been honorably discharged and received a form DD-214, and who has a total and permanent service-connected disability, or is a double amputee or paraplegic because of the service-connected injury, or the surviving spouse of such a person if such surviving spouse has not remarried.

~Scott Marsh



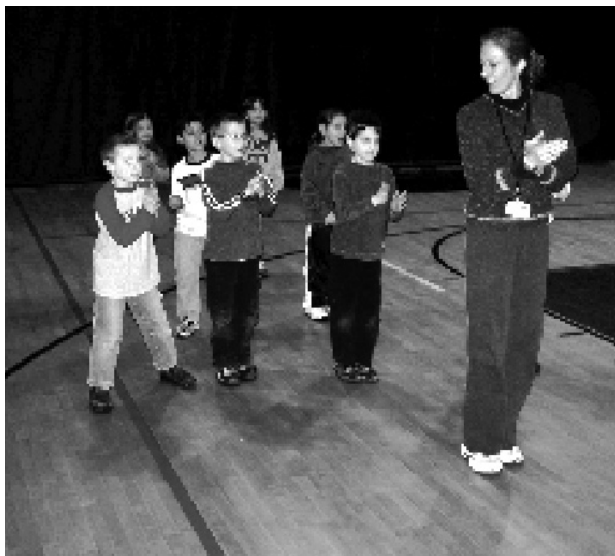
## NHS Artists in Residence

This year North Hampton School was fortunate to have two artists-in-residence programs reaching all grade levels. Owing to the contributions of Clair North Hampton Acura and PAL, the students experienced improvisational theatre and creative dance movement. **Stranger than Fiction**, a professional improv troupe, worked with students in grades 5-8, while **Ballet New England** worked with students in grades 1-4.

Stranger than Fiction introduced the students to activities that foster team building, spontaneity, nonverbal communication, thinking on your feet, and building relationships. The instructors focused on empowering the students with the techniques and the self-trust needed in order to perform confidently before the NHS community. A culminating assembly, attended by students, faculty, and families, featured students and the instructors working together to display their newly acquired improvisational skills. (Chris Bujold is pictured above, performing with students.)



*Chris Bujold from Stranger Than Fiction performing with NHS students.*



*Angela Carter from Ballet New England working with second grade students.*

programs successes. These enrichment programs would not be possible without the fundraising efforts of North Hampton's dedicated parent organization, PAL, and the generous donations from such local businesses as Clair North Hampton Acura. We thank them for providing these wonderful learning opportunities for our students!

*-Tara Rossi, Assistant Principal*

Ballet New England focused on various dance genres at each grade level. The first-graders experimented with an East meets West Tai Chi theme; the second-graders incorporated jazz movements with line dancing (Angela Carter, pictured to the right, works with second grade students); the third-graders learned hip-hop the fourth-graders created movements to integrate with their Stomp curriculum. The NHS gym was packed with families excited to see the students' final dance routines, and all those involved deemed both



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		Story Time	Story Time Ben Franklin		"Music Man"	"Music Man"	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	Young People's Poetry Night	Story Time	Story Time	Book Discussion		Tax Exemption Applications Due	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Egg Scramble	Historical Society Friends of the Library	Story Time Book Worms and Scene Stealers	Story Time 32 Days in a Van with My Husband				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
		Story Time	Story Time	Book Brunch	Registration for Recreation		
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS	MEETING	DATE	TIME	WHERE
	Board of Selectmen	2nd /4th Mondays	7:00pm	Herbert Room
	Recreation Commission	1st Monday	6:00pm	Town Office
	Planning Board	1st Tuesday	7:00pm	Town Office
	Zoning Board	4th Tuesday	6:00pm	Herbert Room
	Historical Society	3rd Monday 3/06-5/06 & 9/06-11/06	7:30pm	United Church of Christ
	Woman's Club	1st Wednesday	1:00PM	UCC Church, October-May
	PAL	3rd Friday	10:00am	NHS Technology Room
	N. Hampton School Board	3rd Thursday	7:00pm	NHS Library
	WHS School Board	4th Wednesday	7:00pm	WHS
	Centennial Hall	1st Monday	7:00pm	Centennial Hall
	Conservation Commission	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Herbert Room
	Book Discussion Group	2nd Thursday	2:00pm	NHPL
	N. Hampton School Council	2nd Wednesday	3:15-4:30pm	NHS
	N. Hampton Youth Association	1st Tuesday	7:00pm	NHPL
	Heritage Commission	3rd Thursday	9:30am	Heritage Room, Town Office
	N. Hampton Forever	3rd Thursday	7:30am	Herbert Room

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		Story Time	Story Time				
28	29	30	31				
	Memorial Day						

MAY 2006





### **Mystery Photo Answer:**

What are these people doing?  
Can you name the date?

## **Summertime Evening Book Group for Adults**

As part of our adult reading program this summer the Library will be offering an evening book discussion on the third Wednesday of the months of July and August, in addition to the regular ongoing afternoon book group. You can register at the circulation desk for this new discussion group, and plan to pick up a copy of the selected book in June, when you sign up for the summer reading program. We hope you can join us for an air-conditioned evening of discussion!

*-Jill Brandt, Ill Librarian*



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